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COVID-19 booster clinics make vaccine more accessible

by Nicole Greenberg '25
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

Hamilton College held COVID-19 vaccine booster clinics for students, faculty and staff on Thursday, Feb. 3 and Thursday, Feb. 10 in the Filius Events Barn. Students could make an appointment through a link that was sent to their Hamilton email account and show up with their vaccination card in order to get the shot.

According to Director of College Events & Scheduling Lisa Magnarelli, 20 individuals received the booster on Feb. 3 and 21 individuals registered to receive the vaccine on Feb. 10. Hosting vaccine clinics is not new for the College. Director of Campus Safety Frank Coots is "very confident" that the College has provided many on-campus opportunities for students and staff members to receive the first and second dose of COVID vaccines during previous semesters.

An email from the COVID-19 Task Force on Wednesday, Jan. 5 outlined the COVID-19 procedures the campus community would need to follow throughout the Spring 2022 semester. The email cites vaccines as the "best defense against COVID-19," and reveals that COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots are required for every individual who is either studying or working on campus. Students, faculty and staff were directed to receive the booster by Jan. 15, 2022 or within 30 days of the day they become eligible to receive the vaccine. Those who originally received the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines are eligible to receive the booster five months after receiving their second vaccination, while those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine are eligible for the booster two months after receiving the shot.

Coots acknowledged that the College's vaccine mandate was an inspiration for the booster clinics. "Since we're requiring [the booster], let's try and make it as stressless as possible for everyone… if [the College] makes decisions that are going to be negative to any individual, whether it's a student or employee, they want to ensure they have done everything they possibly can to get those booster shots into the arms of everybody that needs it," explained Coots. An email from the campus COVID-19 Task Force on Feb. 1 asked students, faculty and staff to "note that the College will take steps to enforce the mandate for anyone who is not in full compliance after Feb. 10."

Coots is a member of COVAC, the Central Oneida County Volunteer Ambulance Corp, and worked with the organization, including Chief of COCVAC Thomas Meyers, and Magnarelli to coordinate the booster clinics. Coots "initially reached out to COCVAC to see if this is something we could do and [Meyers] said 'no question about it, we can do this.'" Coots explained this was also an "opportunity to… let the students, faculty and staff interact with the COCVAC personnel," which he sees as a positive impact for the community.

According to Coots, there was no financial cost to hosting the booster clinic. "It cost us no money, maybe a little bit of time and effort to organize." They planned to host the clinics on the same day of the week as COVID-19 surveillance testin- so that it would be convenient for people to get tested and boosted at the same time.

"We wanted it on a day where testing was taking place because then the community was naturally going through the building anyways, so they had one more step for anybody that wanted the booster; it was right there," said Coots.

Regardless of whether students receive their booster on- or off-campus, the College and Health Center ask that students upload their updated vaccination record to the Student Health Portal as soon as possible.

Hamilton back in Blue status

by Deanna Durben '25
NEWS EDITOR

In response to COVID-19 cases declining on campus, Hamilton College moved to Operating Status Blue effective Tuesday, Feb. 1. This change relaxes many restrictions, including testing: all students, faculty and staff are now required to only test once a week on Mondays, with optional Thursday testing still available.

Masks must be worn in all College buildings, except when attending to personal hygiene or eating and drinking in dining halls. However, a new exception has been made for residence halls. Vaccinated students no longer need to wear masks anywhere inside their own residence hall, which includes common rooms and kitchens.

During the Green operating status period, access to College buildings was restricted to vaccinated visitors on approved College business. This included admissions tours, which have been delayed till the week of Feb. 21. Now, all vaccinated and boosted visitors are allowed.

The notification process for positive cases has also been automated. If a student tests positive, they will receive an email with instructions on what to do next, before campus safety takes them to isolation in a hotel (or in-room isolation if hotels are filled). To take the responsibility off of students who test positive, the Health Center will automatically notify faculty and coaches on the student's behalf. The College will also work with each student to notify their close contacts. Close contacts who are boosted will not need to quarantine.

Although New York State has adopted the revised CDC guidance for five days of isolation, the College is choosing to err on the side of caution, as a significant number of people remain infectious after five days. Hamilton is requiring that individuals test negative with a rapid test on day six or day eight before being released.

Voices of Color Lecture Series holds panel on Southeast Asian resettlement

by Anoushka Aswin '25
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, Feb. 4, the Voices of Color Lecture Series (VCLS) presented "The Voices of Resettled Communities", a panel discussion on the "resettlement process in Upstate New York, identity, religion, and more." The event was held over Zoom as a webinar, and was open to all members of the Hamilton community. VCLS co-chairs Mckela Kanu '22 and Dawun Smith '22 began the event with introductions of the three panelists and moderator, each of whom has made significant contributions to the New York Southeast Asian community.

Kay Klo is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and completed a Fulbright scholarship in Thailand. She is now the director of the Midtown Utica Community Center (MUCC), an organization that focuses on supporting refugees and the low-income population of Utica. Influenced by her own experiences as a young refugee from Burma, Klo wants to serve her community and make a space that feels like home to others.

Tabo Bo is a youth activist, artist and founder of Nomadic Voice — a creative space in Utica that provides an outlet for cultural art and expression. Bo is also a refugee who immigrated to the United States at the age of four. He is currently a senior at Utica College and works with Nomadic Voices to arrange pop-up cultural events in various different cities.

Professor Kumari Regmi is a nurse practitioner at Optum and United Healthcare as well as an Adjunct Lecturer of Nursing at SUNY Polytechnic Institute. She was born in Bhutan and became a refugee at six years old, coming to the United States when she was 23 years old.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Hamilton College Mariam Durrani moderated the event. Her research focuses on migration studies and cultural mobility, and she is a "committed social-justice advocate [who] hopes to work with local organizations on relevant issues."

The opening question of the discussion asked the panelists to discuss their experience with the resettlement process. Klo spoke first. She wanted people to know that it is a non-linear process. Speaking about her experiences growing up as an immigrant, she recounted the difficulty of having to interpret for her parents, fill out paperwork and understand important documents. Regmi, who immigrated as an adult, shared a different perspective on her resettlement. She described having to restart her life almost from the beginning, from learning English to getting an education.

As Utica is a location where many refugees are resettled, Durrani asks how the panelists were able to make themselves feel at home. Bo noted that there were facilities in Utica that helped him with finding a community, such as the Thea Bowman House which acts as a center for at-risk and low-income him there, and they provided various services, from acting as a daycare to distributing food to kids whose parents had to work long hours.

When asked about their experiences with education, Klo shared the inequities in American education she witnessed growing up. As a former English as a second language (ESL) tutor, she noticed that the kids who immigrated later in their life had a much harder time assimilating to the school system, as they were expected to take similar tests as native English speakers who had a better grasp of the language. She brought up the lack of resources within the city of Utica, which stands in stark contrast to its neighbors like New Hartford and Whitesboro.

Regmi shared her experience taking ESL classes as an adult hoping to further her education. She struggled with the higher education system, but found aid in a volunteer who helped her create a FAFSA to get financial aid for college. From there, she attended a class at Syracuse University that was intended for refugee students. Regmi simultaneously worked and took classes, and she credits her current successes to the help she recieved from her community.

The panel ended with each of the panelists sharing their goals for the future. Each of them had one thing in common: they hope to continue to provide support for refugees and immigrants who are going through the same experiences they went through during resettlement.

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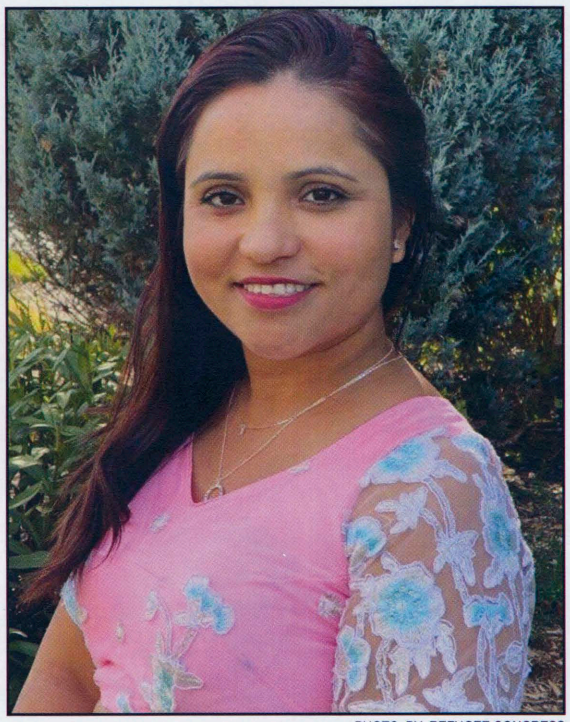
The Midtown Utica Community Center (MUCC) Director Kay Klo.



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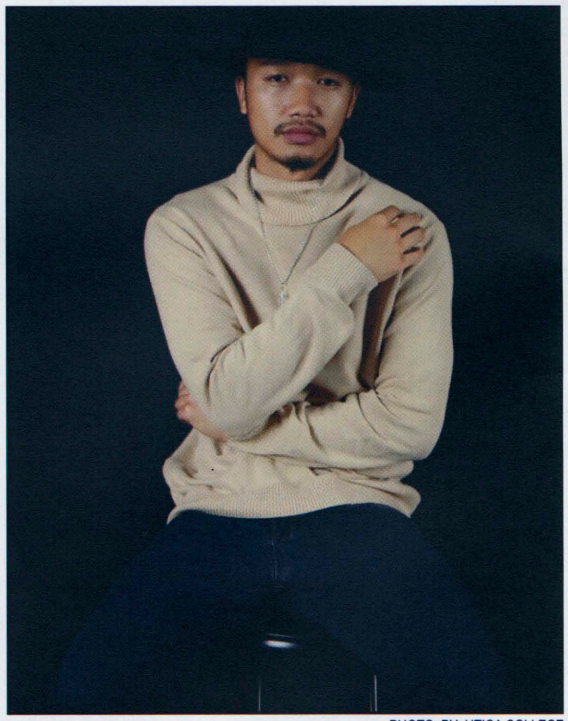
Adjunct Lecturer of Nursing Professor Kumari Regmi of SUNY POLY.



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Founder of Nomadic Voice and Utica College senior Tabo Bo.

DMC hosts Black History Month events

by Deanna Durben '25
NEWS EDITOR

In honor of Black History Month this year, the Days-Massolo Center (DMC) is providing various resources and events to celebrate and reflect on the "life, future, and legacy of Hamilton and the nation's Black community."

Focusing on Black Legacy during the first week of Black History Month, the DMC uploaded various recordings from their archive, and provided resources to learn more about Black History both at Hamilton and in New York State. The DMC has posted a list of links on their website, including various museum websites and anti-racism resources, and are currently welcoming more contributions. Students can email the DMC at dmc@hamilton.edu to add any other resources, articles or historical moments.

Three past Voices of Color Lecture Series (VCLS) recordings have been posted on the DMC's Youtube channel, hosted by Judith Jamison, Dr. Cornel West and Toure. The lectures include topics like the dangers of mistaking current day America as being a nation that is "post-racial", one where everyone can afford to live "colorblind." Several recordings of past DMC events, such as the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. dinner and lecture, have also been uploaded to Youtube.

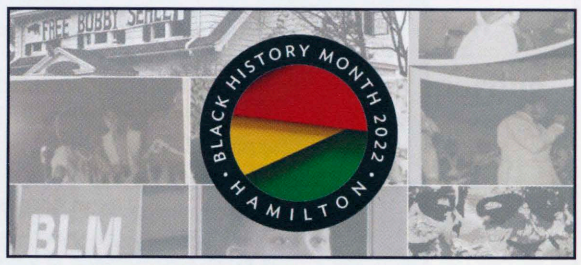
For the second week of Black History Month, the DMC is providing more in-person events. Past Black-Latinx Student Union (BLSU) yearbooks are available for viewing at the DMC from Monday, Feb. 7 to Sunday, Feb. 13. A Black History Month poster display has also been set up in Burke Library.

The main event for this week is the "Fillius Jazz Archive Lunch: Choosing the Creative Life" on Friday, Feb. 11 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., which can be attended both in-person at the DMC and on Zoom. It will be hosted by Monk Rowe, a Lecturer in Music (Saxophone) at Hamilton and director of the Jazz Archive. Rowe will lead a video viewing of excerpts from the Fillius Jazz Archive collection and a discussion of jazz as an art form.

The presentation and discussion of this uniquely American music will "offer insights into the contributions and motivations of influential African-American artists" by sharing stories about Black jazz artists' lives and experiences. Although the event has traditionally been enjoyed by students while eating lunch, the DMC will instead provide to-go dessert boxes instead to observe COVID-19 safety.

Plans for the third and fourth weeks of Black History Month are still in the works. Students can look forward to Cafecito Friday on Feb. 18 to meet the Social Justice Initiative Alumni, the group that advocated and mobilized for the creation of the Days-Massolo Center back in 2011. An official panel discussion and luncheon with the alumni will happen sometime the next day on Saturday, Feb. 19.

A Wellin Museum Art Walk is planned for Monday, Feb. 21, and a second Fillius Jazz Archive Lunch, titled "The Price They Paid", will happen on Tuesday, Feb. 22. More updates to come as additional events proceed.



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Campus Safety Incident Report

In an effort to respect discretion, *The Spectator* and Campus Safety have not disclosed the idenities of the students involved in these reports.

Thurs., Feb. 3

9:40 a.m. Fire Alarm — Mcewen Dining Hall

9:50 a.m. Medical Emergency —Sadove Student Center

10:06 a.m. Medical Emergency — Minor Residence Hall

11:01 a.m. Parking Complaint — Commons

12:45 p.m Parking Complaint — Parking Lots: Morris House

5:49 p.m. Assist Ferguson House

11:39 p.m.Noise Complaint Minor Residence Hall

Fri., Feb. 4

2:20 a.m. Fire Alarm — South Residence Hall

12:13 p.m. Motorist Assist — Parking Lots: Bundy Dining

4:28 p.m. Noise Complaint — Milbank Residence Hall

5:30 p.m. Medical Emergency — South Residence Hall

6:04 p.m. Area Check — Alumni Gym

6:47 p.m. Assist — Glenview-A

10:18 p.m. Area Check — Milbank Residence Hall

10:38 p.m. Medical Emergency — South Residence Hall

11:01 p.m. Medical Emergency — Carnegie Residence Hall

Sat., Feb. 5

12:38 a.m. Area Check — Green Apple Way

12:49 a.m. Animal Complaint — Kirkland Residence Hall

07:30 a.m. Area Check — Milbank Residence Hall

3:12 p.m. Area Check — Ferguson House

10:11 p.m. Odor Of Marijuana — Minor Residence Hall

10:40 p.m. Noise Complaint — Milbank Residence Hall

11:55 p.m. Trouble Alarm — Bristol Pool : Faculty Locker Room

11:59 p.m. Fire Alarm — Milbank Residence Hall

Sun., Feb. 6

1:26 a.m. Noise Complaint — Ferguson House

2:03 a.m. Medical Emergency — Milbank

10:15 a.m. Trouble Alarm — Sage Ice Rink

1:10 p.m. Fire Alarm — 95 College Hill Road

4:33 p.m. Trouble Alarm — Bristol Campus Center

11:31 p.m. Trouble Alarm — Keehn Residence Hall

Mon., Feb. 7

8:40 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident — North Campus

10:15 a.m. Fire Alarm — 95 College Hill Road

10:33 a.m. Fire Alarm — Taylor Science Center

Tue., Feb. 8

11:49 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident — Main Quad

2:07 p.m. Trouble Alarm — Glenview-B

3:16 p.m. Trouble Alarm — Glenview-B

WEEK 1 EVENTS: FEB 7TH-13TH

Monday Feb 7

FebFest Ice Sculpture Carving
12:00 PM
Sadove Terrace
Hosted by Student Activities

Tuesday Feb 8

FebFest Trivia Night
8:00 PM
Little Pub
Hosted by the Trivia Night crew

Wednesday Feb 9

CAB Comedy: Ali Siddiq & John Bruton
8:00 PM, doors open at 7:30 PM
Events Barn
Hosted by CAB

Thursday Feb 10

Valentine's Card Making
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Bundy Cafe
Hosted by Student Activities

Beer Tasting & Food Pairing
6:00 PM and 7:00 PM
Little Pub
Hosted by Bon Appetit & Student Activities
Pub ID Required
Sign-up Required - limited spots!

CAB Acoustic: Adam Melchor
8:00 PM, doors open at 7:30pm
Events Barn
Hosted by CAB

Friday Feb 11

CAB Special Events: Stuff-a-Plush
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Events Barn
Hosted by CAB

Letterpress Workshop - Print Valentine's Cards
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Dunham Letterpress Studio (under Dunham Res Hall)
Hosted by LITS Special Collections

Late Nite *Encanto* showing & Raspados/Mangonadas/Amorosos
9:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Events Barn
Hosted by La Vanguardia & Late Nite

Saturday Feb 12

Blue Mountain Snowshoe Hike with HOC
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Off-Campus
Hosted by HOC
Sign-up Required - limited spots!

Glen Snowshoe Hike
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Meet at the Glen House Garage
Hosted by HOC

Opening Day Celebration for Yashua Klos: OUR LABOUR
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Wellin Museum
Hosted by Wellin Museum

Mystery Winter Film Screening
6:00 PM
Science Auditorium G027
Hosted by Film Club

Glow Ice Skating
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Sage Rink
Hosted by Student Activities

Candlelit Snowshoe Hike
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Meet at the Glen House Garage
Hosted by HOC

Sunday Feb 13

Ice Climbing with HOC
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Off-Campus
Hosted by HOC
Sign-up Required - limited spots!

Mid-winter BYOP Succulent Adoption Extravaganza (Bring Your Own Pot)
1:00 PM
Science Center 3100 (Greenhouse Suite)
Hosted by Plants@Hamilton

SuperBowl Party
6:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Sadove Conference Room
Hosted by Sadove Programming

Questions? Email Febfest@hamilton.edu

POSTER BY STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Dear Members of the Hamilton Community,

Happy Febfest! Over the course of the next few weeks, be sure to look out for some cool events and Febfest swag. Go on a quest with friends for one of the elusive yetis hidden around campus, or take a moment to pause whilst admiring the delicate features of ice sculpture Wally J the Walrus as he rests comfortably on Martin's Way.

Since distributing our Feb. 3 publication, we have received some feedback concerning the placement of the "Terry Martinez to retire in May" article. We intended for the article to serve as an announcement from an Editor-in-Chief of Dean Martinez's retirement, and while some aspects of the article are objective and factual, other parts of the article carry an editorial voice. While we have traditionally placed news pieces on the front page of *The Spectator*, the placement of this article was based on the workshopping of a new look for our front page. You can find this article under the editorial section of our website. We always appreciate feedback and encourage our readers to reach out to us.

Interested in joining the coolest group on campus? Be sure to catch us at "Clubs Around the Hill" rescheduled for this Friday (2/11), due to last week's inclement weather. We'll be in Sadove 112 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. waiting to meet you! Our team just released applications for new positions, such as social media/web editor, staff writer and fact checker. We're excited by all the applications we have gotten already, and we look forward to welcoming our new staff!

Take care,
Eric & Emma Mae

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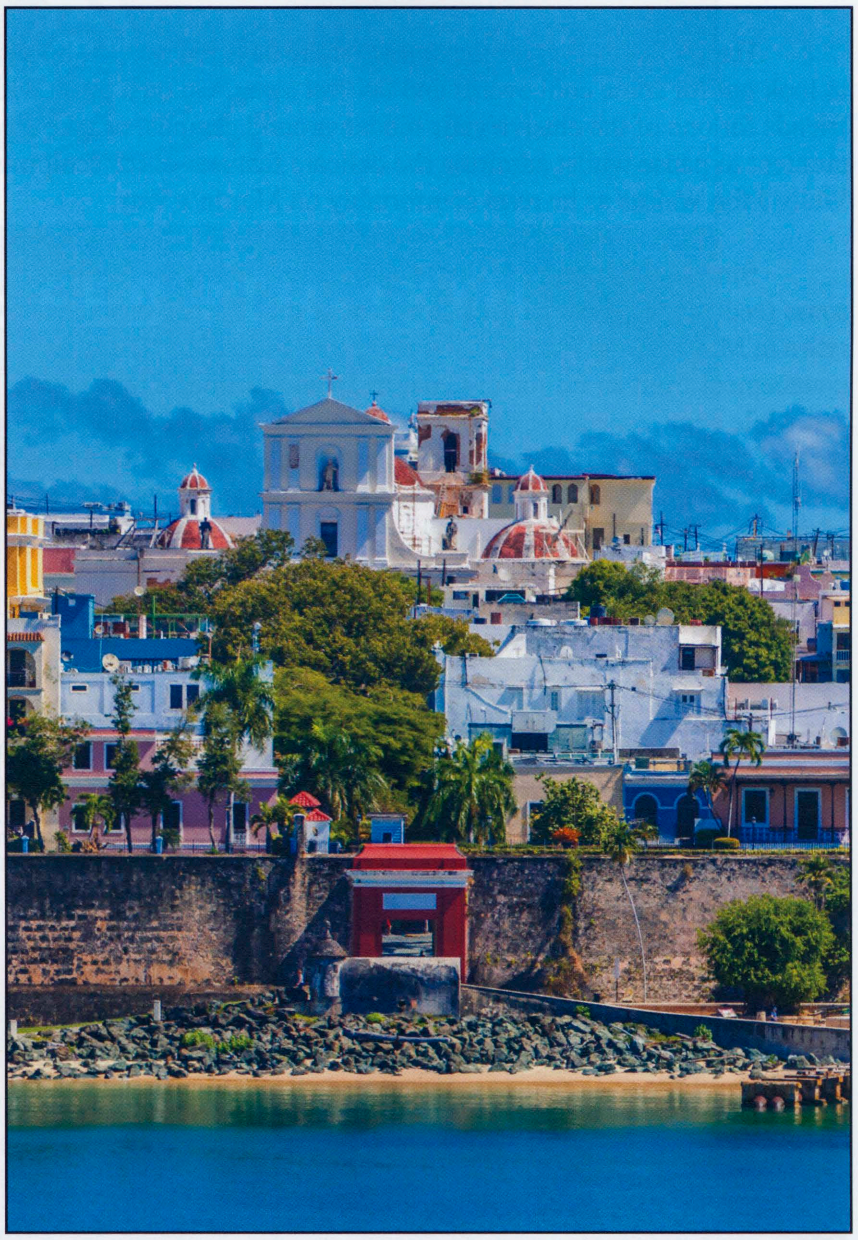
Climate Resilience in Puerto Rico

by Teddy Slosberg '24
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

On Feb. 2, Alejandra Castrodad-Rodríguez held a talk on climate resilience in Puerto Rico for Hamilton College students via Zoom. Castrodad-Rodríguez is the Executive Director of Resilient Power Puerto Rico, a non-profit organization dedicated to responding to climate disasters and expanding renewable energy on the island. It was formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria, when a humanitarian crisis developed from the lack of an effective response to these climate disasters.

Castrodad-Rodríguez has worked in climate resilience for more than 15 years for non-profits, governments and local communities. She worked as a consultant with OXFAM America, a non-profit aiming to end economic inequality, as well as the Boys and Girls Club of Puerto Rico. She previously served as San Juan's Chief Resilience Officer and Task Force Lead for Puerto Rico's Natural Disaster Resilience Competition and is currently the President of the Board for Kilómetro 0, another non-profit organization that works to protect human rights in Puerto Rico.

The presentation explained that Puerto Rico is uniquely susceptible to climate disaster due to the situation of the island. Its position in the Caribbean makes it vulnerable to hurricanes when they are at their most powerful and climate change makes them more frequent and deadly. The island is also in danger of rising sea levels and has experienced the effects of beach erosion in recent decades. Most of the Puerto Rico's population lives in these at-risk areas on the coast, as the inland is largely undeveloped. However, Castrodad-Rodríguez mentioned it would not be beneficial to develop this region given its biodiversity and touristic attraction. Puerto Rico's economic troubles and lack of resources exacerbates these issues. Puerto Rico is a developing region, with poverty levels far higher than those of the majority of territories of the United States. In 2018, over 40% of the population of Puerto Rico was below the poverty line. The island is now facing political and social upheaval, most of which is fueled by the outrage over the lackluster responses to climate disasters residents have faced and their economic consequences.



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Castrodad-Rodríguez criticized the United States (U.S.) government for not doing everything in its power to help Puerto Rico adequately prepare for climate disasters, as well as for not helping the island recover once they occur. While the government funnels large amount of funding into apartment projects that are spearheaded by powerful lobbyists, critical public works such as schools and libraries are largely left underdeveloped and vulnerable to these climate disasters. The government has a weak track record of responding effectively once the disasters occur, as was the case in the wake of Hurricane Maria. After Hurriane Maria hit, the entire island lost power, leaving thousands of residents stranded and in need. The government worked slowly to restore power to Puerto Rico, with later research showing that the progress they reported was exaggerated compared to the energy providers' reports. Castrodad-Rodríguez argued that these acts of negligence and malintent have left the island more vulnerable to climate disasters than it would otherwise be.

While the climate resiliency challenges that Puerto Rico faces are varied and interconnected, individuals like Castrodad-Rodríguez continuously strive towards climate resiliency because they want a beter future for their home. Resilient Power Puerto Rico is constantly working with the local governments and directly supporting the communities to create more sustainable power, improve infrastructure and plan for future climate disasters.

The Bachelors

Graham Stuard '24

PHOTO BY GRAHAM STUARD '24

Pronouns: he/him.
Hometown: New York City baby.
Home on Campus: Jannah's room<3.
Major: Computer science.
Turn on? The gender binary.
Turn off? Individuality.
If you were a dorm which would you be and why? Bundy cause all the sophomores have been inside me.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, who would you pick and why? Scott Healy and Kanye West.
What TV genre best describes you? YouTube shorts.
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? Your curls look good today Graham!
What's your type? People who like my curls.
What are three things you cannot live without? Honor, passion, and sitting down when I pee.
If you were any social space, what would it be? A seahorse party (seahorse sea hell).
Where do you go when you want to be alone? KJ between class periods.
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? The Rat Pack.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? Swimming in KTSA pond.
What would you give a thumbs up? Numbers :).
What would you give a thumbs down? Words :(.
Who would you say is your campus crush? 01000001 01001101 01100000 0110010 0110101.
What would your perfect date be? Marge handing me an extra mask and telling me I'm too cute to be wearing it :).
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? Jannah Jablobs.
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? More than one retake on a BeReal.
If you were a food, which would you be and why? Mons pizza because mmmmmmm Mons pizza.
Lights on or lights off? Is this about sex???
Favorite campus study spot? A KJ classroom with a ball of yarn to distract my roommate.
What's the last lie you told? I just checked my email.
What was your first thought this morning? Mmmmmm bed.
What's the meaning of life? Being a beacon of stability.
Which member of Disney royalty are you? Elsa because I want superpowers.
Which American historical figure are you attracted to and why? William T. Sherman because he could scorch my earth.

Hannah Jablons '24

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Pronouns: they/them.
Hometown: Montclair, NJ.
Home on Campus: Graham's room<3.
Major: History.
Turn on? PsiU boys.
Turn off? DX boys.
If you were a dorm, which would you be and why? Dunham because I'm polarizing and dirty.
If you had to describe yourself as the love child of any two musicians, who would you pick? 21 Savage and Saucegod (on Soundcloud).
What advertising slogan best describes your life? Penis girl (shoutout penis girl).
What TV genre best describes you? Those VICE documentaries from ten years ago.
What's the best pick-up line you've ever used/had used on you? "How do you feel about being next week's Bachelors?".
What's your type? Anyone with a cat.
What are three things you cannot live without? An offshore property, the sweet taste of virgin blood, and a network of ride or die b*tches.
If you were any social space, what would it be? A room with four white guys freestyling.
Where do you go when you want to be alone? Commons at noon.
If you could join one group on campus, what would it be? History department faculty.
If you could break one rule at Hamilton and get away with it, which would you choose? Swimming in KTSA pond.
What would you give a thumbs up? The streaking team.
What would you give a thumbs down? Clothes.
Who would you say is your campus crush? Kevin from McEwen.
What would your perfect date be? Dark Side naked lap.
What is the weirdest thing currently in your room? Graham Stuard.
If you could remake the points system, what would be the number one offense? Playing the piano in sadove in the middle of a weekday.
Lights on or lights off? Lights off, reading lamps on, blinds open.
Favorite campus study spot? Any KJ floor.
What's the last lie you told? See: turn offs.
What was your first thought this morning? "Damn, another erotic dream about the homies."
What's the meaning of life? Drinking from cups, being a b*tch.
Which member of Disney royalty are you? The queer one.

If you are interested in being our next Bachelor or Bachlorette, email us at featspec@hamilton.edu!

Hamilton must take action to orevent further campus power outages

by Will Rampe '24
OPINION EDITOR

When I woke up Sunday morning, I had the immediate desire to get on my Xbox, eat a nice hot breakfast and then attempt to work through some of my Calculus homework. I am sure this routine sounds familiar to many of you, since Sunday can often be a sort of transition day between the fun of the weekend and preparations for the week ahead. However, my plans were halted when the buzz of my refrigerator suddenly went silent and I heard the click of my fan. My initial confusion dissolved as my phone stopped charging; the power was off. This led me to check whether this was just an issue with my room or if it was a whole campus issue by consulting arguably the most polarizing app on campus: Jodel.

Numerous posts on Jodel declared that the power was out across campus. An email sent at 10:59 a.m. from the Hamilton Emergency Response Team (HERT) confirmed these suspicions. It stated that "[the] College is aware of sporadic power outages on campus this morning. National Grid is aware and investigating the cause. [They] anticipate this will be a short-term event but will update the campus with more information as it becomes available."

This email brought me little relief. It appears HERT has a different definition of the word "sporadic" than is traditional, because the power was out for approximately four-and-a-half hours. It took until 1:27 p.m. for them to send Hamilton students an email explaining the situation, writing that "it appeared the outage [was] due to an off-campus power line issue and National Grid is on scene [sic] investigating."

Although the power eventually returned at approximately 3:00 p.m., the annoyance of a random power outage across campus should not be ignored. This is especially in light of the power outage Hamilton experienced on Nov. 9, which made it difficult for students and faculty to handle classes effectively. The repetition of a power outage means that this is not just a fluke incident, but rather a problem that should be permanently addressed.

According to the Hamilton College's Emergency Action Plan for Unplanned Power Outages, there are three levels of unplanned outages. The first is an outage that has "minor impacts to individual rooms or small buildings" for a period not exceeding a day, the second is an outage that lasts for longer than a day, and the third is a multi-day and multi-building sci-fi movie-type disaster. These levels give the basis for how to protect students and faculty on campus in the event of a power outage, but they give no indication of how these outages might be prevented in the first place. While these levels are supposed to cover any possible situation, the power outage last Sunday does not fit particularly well within either Level One or Two due to it being a temporary outage that affected the entire campus.

The entire idea of a "minor impact" is arbitrary. Certainly a short power outage should not have fatal impacts, however, its effects are not minor because of how it affects the ability of students and faculty to do their work. The main goal of any college should be to foster a productive learning environment where students and faculty are able to complete their work effectively; random power outages prevent the completion of this goal.

I cannot pretend to know specific details regarding how Hamilton College is powered. Nevertheless, it is clear that too little effort has gone into solutions for power outages such as the ones that have recently occurred. The most obvious step should be to implement backup generators that can ensure that the dorms, academic buildings and dining halls can

PHOTO BY MATTHEW COLLINS '24

Telephone poles on the edge of the Hamilton College campus, which have the potential to be affected by some future outages.

be powered in case of any potential outage. Although acquiring generators of this type would require a large investment, it should not be a prohibitively expensive allay for a college with a $1.47 billion endowment. The downsides that losing power causes for both productivity and the school's reputation makes such generators well worth the expenditure.

One major effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on many of our lives was an increased emphasis on the role technology can play to faciliate the learning process. Power is essential for any college to function properly and to make the best of these advances, and it is therefore essential that Hamilton develops a system that ensures electricity in perpetuity.

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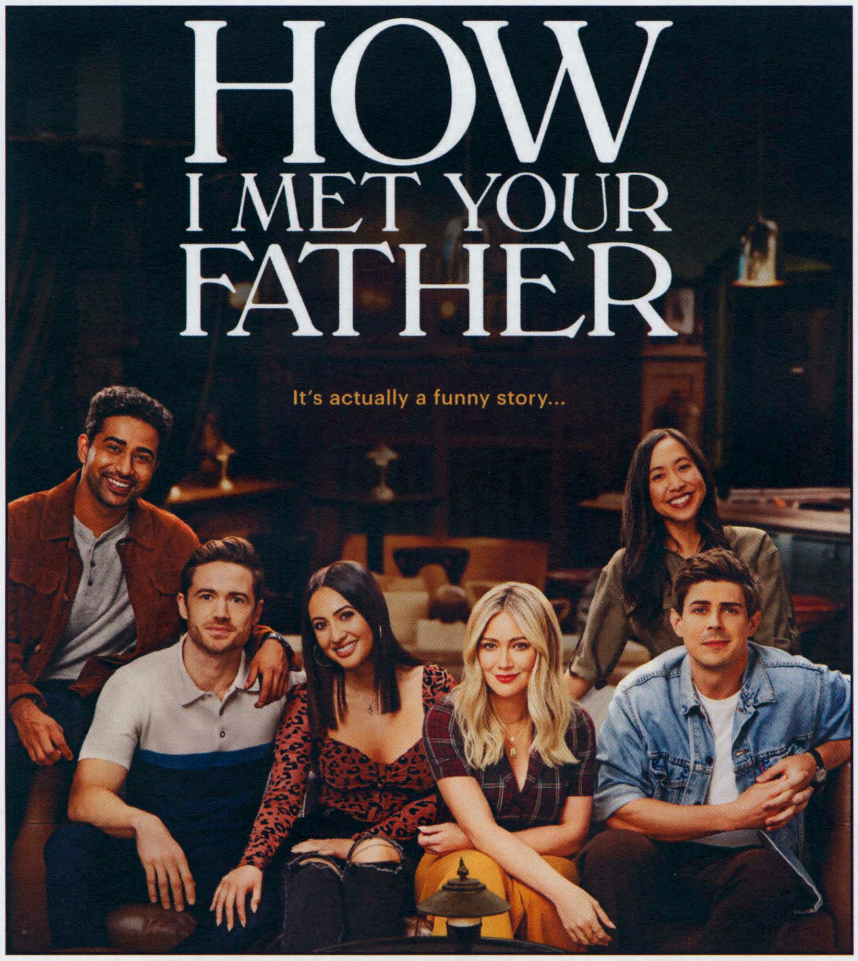
How I Met Your Father (2022): Will the spinoff live up to the orginal?

by Grace Policelli '24
STAFF WRITER

The 2005 sitcom *How I Met Your Mother* ran for nine seasons and received a total of 91 prime time television awards nominations in its time. This fan favorite followed a friend group living in New York City, focusing on Ted Mosby and his long and complicated search for the love of his life. It was narrated by future Ted, explaining to his kids the long and twisted path of how he met their mother. With quippy writing paired with the entertaining performances of actors like Neil Patrick Harris, this show was compared to a modern day *Friends*, barring the fact that the gang meets up at a bar instead of a coffee shop.

The new Hulu spinoff of this beloved classic, *How I Met Your Father*, premiered on Jan. 18, promising new episodes each Tuesday. The premiere was met with anticipation and anxiety by fans, wondering if the new show could live up to the original. The new, female version of Ted Mosby, Sophie, is played by Hillary Duff.

Even with a famous star such as Duff in the cast, online reviews paint a slightly dismal picture, with approval ratings of the new show reaching about 67%, while the original averaged at about 93%. Although following the general premise of a young twenty-something in New York City trying to find love, the new show strays from the original in general set up and characters. Sophie lives with one roommate instead of two, while Ted lived with his fun engaged/married best friends for most of the series. Similarly, half of the group meets in the first episode, whereas everyone but Robin was already friends in the original show. Although differences in characters are to be expected, some of the most beloved dynamics are lost with the creation of these new characters, as well as the newness of their friendships.



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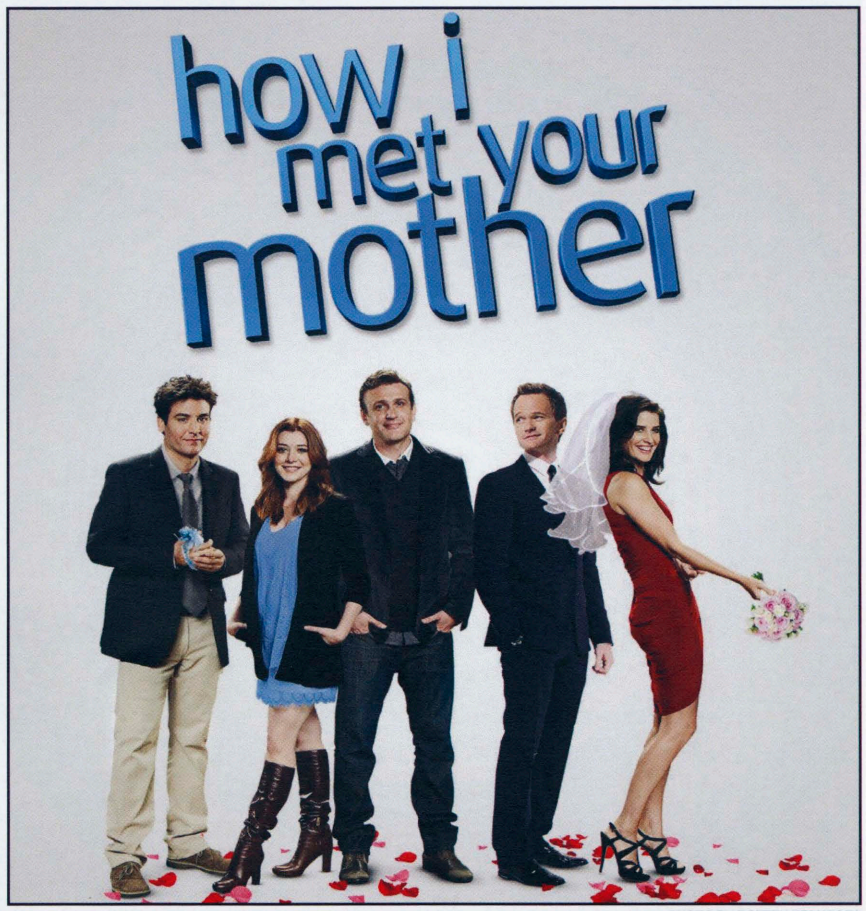
Poster for the new spinoff Hulu series, featuring Hillary Duff.



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Poster for the original sitcom, which aired from 2005-2014.

I think the public ratings are a bit harsh, but I must agree that so far, this show has not lived up to its predecessor. Hillary Duff, although charming, lacks some of Ted's whimsical aura. However, my main complaint is with the character of Charlie, played by John Ainslee. He is an eccentric British ex-millionaire who follows Sophie's roommate back to America without a penny to his name. Although sometimes funny, his overall character relies on his inability to do common things due to his past life of luxury. Charlie's horror with the subway, as well as the plotline of him selling a golden spoon necklace to pay for rent is a bit tiresome. The jokes about Charlie run dry quickly, and it is only the show's third episode. Charlie's humor is cheap, especially compared to the more well thought out characters and humor in the original show.

Despite its flaws, the reboot did not disappoint me as much as I thought it would. Chris Lowell as Jesse and Hillary Duff as Sophie have entertaining chemistry and on-screen presences. Most of the jokes still land, despite the occasional cheesiness that is expected when watching a sitcom. It was especially entertaining to find that the characters live in Ted's old apartment, and have kept the infamous swords that were featured in the first show. But the question remains: is this show decent, or does it simply bring up the nostalgic emotions of the first show? I think that *How I Met Your Father* is a bit sloppier, and misses some of that charm of old friend dynamics that *How I Met Your Mother* captured so well. However, I think that sequels and reboots are often held to enormous standards, and despite its kinks, the former is still a feel-good and enjoyable show. Of course, we will have to wait until the end of the season to pass a conclusive verdict. Tune in to the next episodes, which will air Tuesdays on Hulu.

My Essential TV and Film Guide

By Lily Rizzoli '24
A&E Editor

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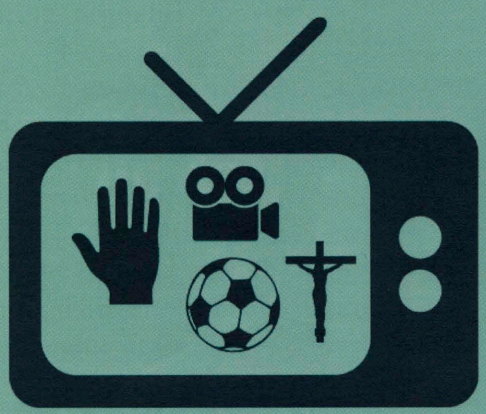

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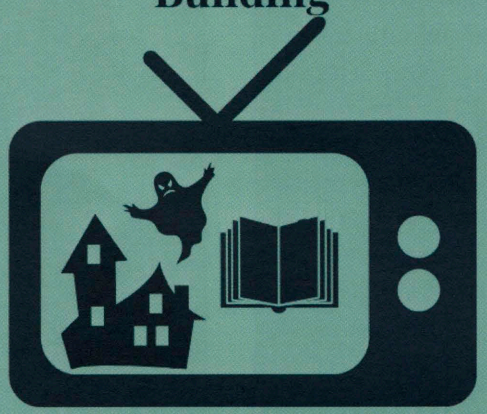

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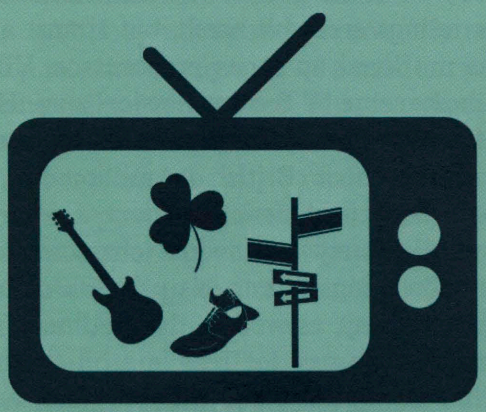

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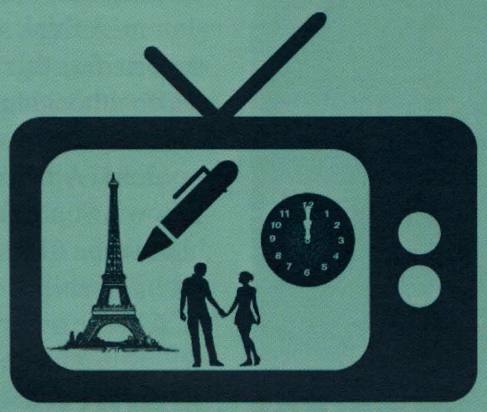

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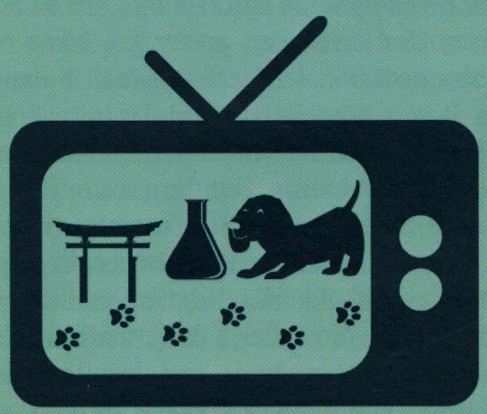

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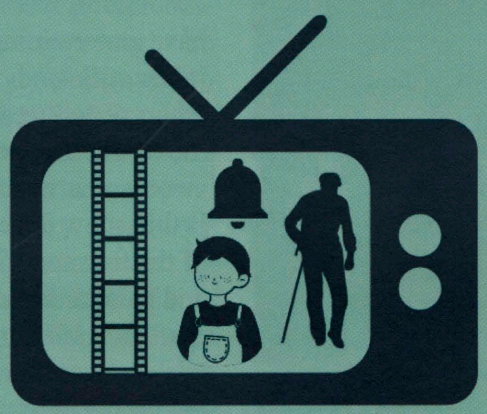

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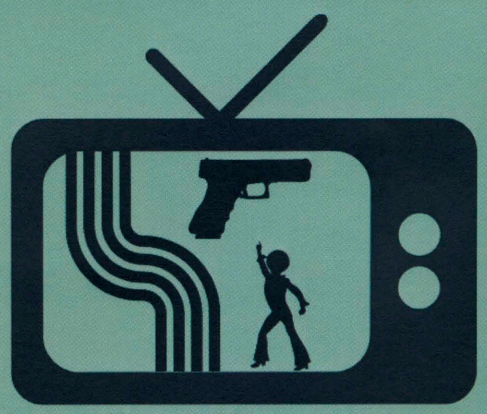

The Nice Guys

My Essential TV and Film Guide

Where you can and why you should watch some of my favorite films and series.

By Lily Rizzoli '24
A&E Editor

1. *Fleabag*

Why It's Good: Fourth wall breaks, guinea pigs, the hot priest & Phoebe Waller-Bridge.
Where to Stream: Amazon Prime Video
Rotten Tomato Rating: 100%
My Rating: 5/5

2. *Only Murders in the Building*

Why It's Good: New York City, murder, podcasts, Selena Gomez, over-the-top theatrics & Season 1, Episode 7.
Where to Stream: Hulu
Rotten Tomato Rating: 100%
My Rating: 3.5/5

3. *Peaky Blinders*

Why It's Good: Tommy Shelby, old Birmingham, Polly, *"Red Right Hand"* & scally caps.
Where to Stream: Netflix
Rotten Tomato Rating: 92%
My Rating: 4.7/5

4. *E Stato La Mano Di Dio*

Why It's Good: True story, Napoli, coming-of-age, familial tragedy & cinematography.
Where to Stream: Netflix
Rotten Tomato Rating: 83%
My Rating: 4/ 5

5. *The Haunting of Hill House*

Why It's Good: Mind-bending, the Red Room, Shirley Jackson, Victoria Pedretti & total fear.
Where to Stream: Netflix
Rotten Tomato Rating: 93%
My Rating: 4.8/5

6. *Big Little Lies*

Why It's Good: Suburban moms turned criminals, picturesque coast, mystery and Meryl Streep.
Where to Stream: Hulu, HBO Max
Rotten Tomato Rating: 89%
My Rating: 4/5

7. *Sing Street*

Why It's Good: 80's Ireland, high school band, young love, underdogs & humor.
Where to Stream: Amazon Prime Video
Rotten Tomato Rating: 95%
My Rating: 3.9/5

8. *Midnight in Paris*

Why It's Good: Time travel, Owen Wilson, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, *"Si Tu Vois Ma Mere"* & the roaring 20s.
Where to Stream: Netflix, Hulu
Rotten Tomato Rating: 93%
My Rating: 4.7/5

9. *Lost in Translation*

Why It's Good: Bill Murray, Scarlett Johansson, realism, innocence, pure friendship & right person wrong time.
Where to Stream: Amazon Prime Video, Peacock
Rotten Tomato Rating: 95%
My Rating: 4.8/5

10. *Isle of Dogs*

Why It's Good: Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson (again), stop motion, incredible art, dogs & Yoko Ono.
Where to Stream: Amazon Prime Video, Disney +
Rotten Tomato Rating: 90%
My Rating: 3.8/5

11. *Cinema Paradiso*

Why It's Good: Nostalgia, for the love of film, unlikely friendship, regret & heartbreaking loss.
Where to Stream: Apple TV
Rotten Tomato Rating: 90%
My Rating: 4.9/5

12. *The Nice Guys*

Why It's Good: 70's parties, classic murder mystery, Ryan Gosling, enthralling action, & the bathroom scene.
Where to Stream: Hulu, Amazon Prime Video
Rotten Tomato Rating: 91%
My Rating: 3.3/5

2021-22 WINTER HOME SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

11/12	7:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS ONEONTA
11/13	2:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS ST. JOHN FISHER
11/16	7:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS ELMIRA
11/19	5:00 PM	W SQUASH VS TUFTS
	5:00 PM	M SQUASH VS TUFTS
	7:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS AMHERST
11/20	1:00 PM	W SQUASH VS CONN. COLLEGE
	1:00 PM	M SQUASH VS CONN. COLLEGE
	3:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS ALBERTUS MAGNUS
	5:00 PM	W SQUASH VS WILLIAM SMITH
	5:00 PM	M SQUASH VS HOBART
	7:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS AMHERST
11/21	3:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS AMHERST
11/23	1:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS MORRISVILLE STATE
11/28	3:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS UTICA

DECEMBER

12/2	5:30 PM	W BASKETBALL VS HARTWICK
	7:30 PM	M BASKETBALL VS HARTWICK
12/3	7:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS WILLIAMS
12/4	12:00 PM	W SQUASH VS ST. LAWRENCE
	12:00 PM	M SQUASH VS ST. LAWRENCE
	3:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS WILLIAMS
	4:00 PM	W SQUASH VS WESLEYAN
	4:00 PM	M SQUASH VS WESLEYAN
12/11	2:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS PURCHASE
	3:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS SAINT MICHAEL'S
12/30	3:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS WILLIAM SMITH

JANUARY

1/7	7:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS WILLIAMS
	7:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS BOWDOIN
1/8	1:00 PM	W SWIM & DIVE VS RIT
	1:00 PM	M SWIM & DIVE VS RIT
	3:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS MIDDLEBURY
	3:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS COLBY
1/14	7:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS TUFTS
	7:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS TUFTS
1/15	3:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS BATES
	3:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS CONN. COLLEGE
1/18	4:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS ITHACA
	6:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS SUNY OSWEGO
	7:30 PM	W BASKETBALL VS SUNY POLY
1/19	6:00 PM	W SWIM & DIVE VS UNION
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1/21	4:00 PM	W TRACK & FIELD HAMILTON INVITE
	4:00 PM	M TRACK & FIELD HAMILTON INVITE
	5:00 PM	M SQUASH VS FORDHAM
1/22	2:00 PM	W SQUASH VS DICKINSON
	2:00 PM	M SQUASH VS DICKINSON
	3:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS AMHERST
	4:00 PM	W SQUASH VS MOUNT HOLYOKE
	7:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS BUFFALO STATE
1/25	7:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS SUNY POLY
1/26	6:00 PM	W SWIM & DIVE VS COLGATE
	6:00 PM	M SWIM & DIVE VS COLGATE
1/28	7:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS WESLEYAN
1/29	3:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS TRINITY
1/30	2:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS WESLEYAN

FEBRUARY

2/4	7:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS COLBY
	7:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS COLBY
2/5	3:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS COLBY
	3:00 PM	M BASKETBALL VS BOWDOIN
2/11	TBA	W SQUASH NESCAC CHAMPIONSHIP
	7:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS CONN. COLLEGE
	7:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS WESLEYAN
2/12	TBA	W SQUASH NESCAC CHAMPIONSHIP
	3:00 PM	W BASKETBALL VS TRINITY
	3:00 PM	W HOCKEY VS WESLEYAN
2/13	TBA	W SQUASH NESCAC CHAMPIONSHIP
2/18	7:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS WILLIAMS
2/19	3:00 PM	M HOCKEY VS MIDDLEBURY

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Athlete Spotlight: Nick Osarenren '22

by Owen Lewis '24
SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton men's basketball team finished this past weekend 1-1 in two home games. Taking on Colby in front of a sizable crowd on Friday night, the team largely dominated from start to finish, bottling up Colby's leading scorers Matt Hanna and Noah Tyson to a combined 6-21 shooting from the field. The team was flying around the defensive end of the court, finishing the night with a ridiculous 12 blocks and seven steals en route to a 66-54 win. The next day, the team again put on a defensive show against Bowdoin, but fell in the final minute 59-58 on Senior Day. Senior captain Nick Osarenren '22 was a standout on both ends of the floor as he has been all season long. On the weekend, Osarenren averaged 12.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals, and 2.0 steals. *The Spectator* sat down with Osarenren after the up-and-down weekend as the team looks ahead to the end of the regular season and postseason play.

What are the team's goals for this season?
[Our goal is to] keep getting better every day. Hopefully that culminates in a NESCAC championship.

What was the key to the win over Colby on Friday?
We played as a team, especially on defense. We knew they had two guys who could really go so we had to key in on those guys and get stops. Once we did that, our offense naturally took care of itself.

How does the team try to improve from losses?
Just by getting back in the lab and continuing to work on the things we need to get better at. We cannot dwell on the losses too much or else that will bleed into our other games.

What is the team's mindset as NESCACs approach?
To compete. I feel like if we compete consistently and play team defense there is no ceiling for us when the playoffs arrive.

You and the team have excelled at defense this season. How do you practice your defense?
It's all about the principles and schemes that we run. Coach Stockwell and Coach Dobbs really do a good job of helping us prepare for teams defensively. We also are one of the bigger teams in the league (especially at the guard positions) so we definitely use our length to our advantage.

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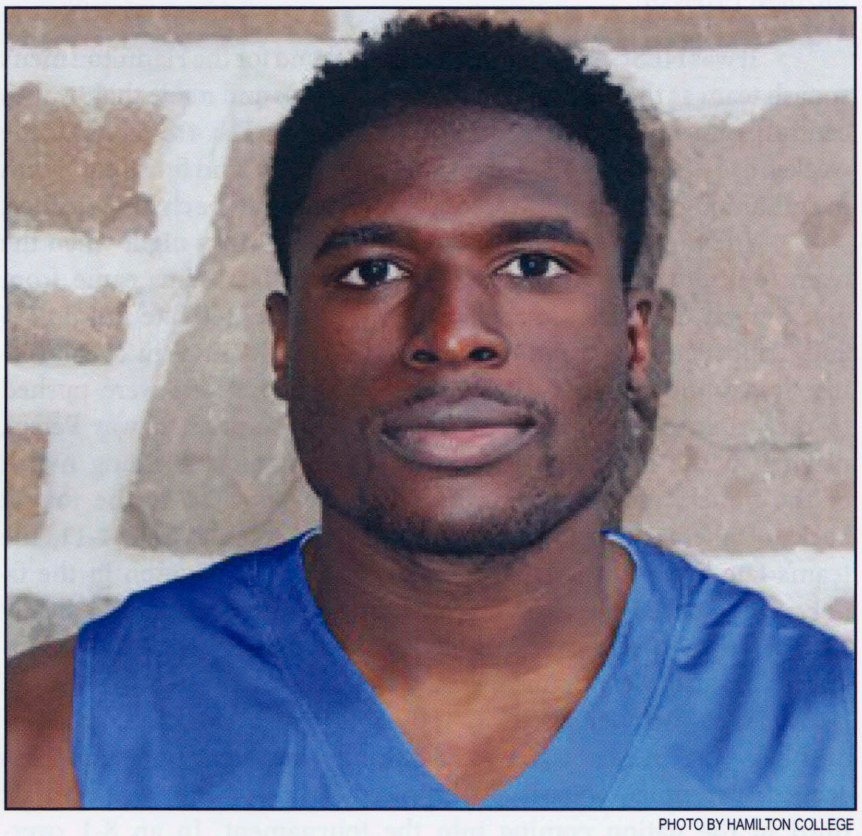
Nick Osarenren '22 leaps in the air to slam down a dunk.



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Nick Osarenren '22 is a captain and guard for Hamilton College's men's basketball team.

The team played on back-to-back days on Feb. 4 and Feb. 5. Was that challenging physically?
Yeah, it's definitely challenging playing those back-to-back games, especially in a league as tough as this one. But this is the life we chose and we got to fight through it.

What is the most difficult part of playing basketball?
I would say that at this level it's being locked in for 40 minutes of gameplay. Every little detail matters in getting wins which you don't really experience growing up.

What is the best part of the team's atmosphere?
Our camaraderie and silliness. Everybody on this team can take a joke which makes for some lighthearted conversations. That leads to everyone feeling comfortable which transfers over to the court.

Lightning Round

Favorite player?
Lebron James. Best player on planet Earth.

Biggest inspiration?
My mother. She is really the toughest person I know, so seeing her go through life definitely pushes me to go harder on the court.

Favorite thing about basketball?
The fast-paced nature of the game. There are no dull moments which I really like.

Best on-court memory?
This year against Amherst. They were a really good team and we had lost to them the last two times we played them, one being in the NESCAC championship. We beat them on a tip-in buzzer beater by another senior, Elliot Tirbaso '22. We all went crazy and the emotions that came from that game were extremely high. It was a dope moment and one that I will remember for a long time.

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Men's Squash NESCAC Championships Recap

by Sam Dils '22
SPORTS EDITOR

It was NESCAC Championship weekend for the Hamilton men's squash team as they braved the snowy highways and made their way to central Connecticut for three days of matches from Feb. 4 to Feb. 6. On the weekend, the team went 1-3, living up to their seed and finishing eighth overall among the 10 NESCAC squads competing at the championships.

The highlight of the weekend came on Friday night when the team took down rival Wesleyan in a 5-4 thriller. Wins came from Tate Surratt '24, Nick Carabatsos '24, Will Rice '24, Tate Burgin '25 and Tripp Peters '23, and each proved to be essential in a nail biting first-round matchup. Both Carabatsos and Peters were pushed to the brink, but ended up pulling out 3-2 victories. It was Peters, playing in the eighth position, who had the most thrilling match of the bunch; after dropping an epic first game 14-16, he fought back to take a 2-1 lead. After dropping the fourth game 4-11, the team's fate hung in the balance, but a gritty 11-9 triumph in the final game secured the win. On court one, Suratt cruised to a steady 11-6, 11-6, 11-6 win over Wesleyan's Shanay Sanghavi. Oliver Constable '22 also was victorious in a 3-1 win at the tenth position.

That win ensured a top-eight finish for the championships. The next task was daunting: the next matchup was against perennial squash superpower Trinity, who was ranked third in the nation coming into the tournament. In an 8-1 overall defeat, Blake Davis '25 highlighted the effort with an impressive 13-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-7 over Trinity's Il-Seok Dillon Park.

Peters, again in eighth position, managed a game off of his opponent, falling 3-1. In the consolation round, the next opponent was Amherst. Davis again was a standout, earning another win at the number nine position, this time a 3-2 (11-6, 7-11, 11-8, 5-11, 11-7) performance. Senior captain Rufus Somerby '22 fought tooth and nail on court number four, ultimately falling 9-11, 12-10, 10-12, 6-11 against stiff competition in Amherst, ranked 20th in the nation.

PHOTO BY JOSH MCKEE

Tate Burgin '25 digs a backhand out of the back corner.

PHOTO BY JOSH MCKEE

The men's squash team huddles before a match.

Constable was left with a positive impression of the Saturday matches. "By far my favorite moment this year was my match against Amherst. The whole team was watching and cheering me on and it was great to see everyone having my back. I also cherished the times in the locker room goofing around with the rest of the team. I know I will be in touch with all of these guys for a very long time."

In Sunday's final round, Colby was the final opponent, with seventh place on the line. Injuries to Rice and Simon Mueller '25 hindered the team's overall chances. Rice, who was dealing with a nagging injury, had been playing at number six all weekend long, but was forced to sit out of the final match. Mueller has been out since early in the season, but had played his way into the top nine while healthy. Despite these depleted numbers, the fight remained within the team. Surratt earned his second victory of the weekend at number one, while Carabatsos also took his second win. Davis finished the weekend with a team-high three wins, taking down his Colby opponent 3-1 at the eighth position. The match finished 6-3 in favor of Colby, with a few crucial games slipping just out of reach.

Even with a 1-3 record on the weekend, spirits remained high about the result and the season as a whole. Somerby said "I can confidently say that this has been my favorite season of Hamilton squash. Aside from securing clutch victories against Wesleyan and Haverford, I have had a blast with the group of guys we have. It is unique to have a culture where everyone comes together and contributes like this team has. My favorite memories this season have been in the huddle getting the guys pumped up before matches. I will remember these moments fondly and for a very long time."

With a week off, the team will be looking ahead to the CSA National Team Championships from Feb. 18 to 20 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They currently sit at number 28 in the national rankings and will look to continue to climb up the leaderboard.

The women's squash team will be hosting their NESCAC Championships here in Clinton this upcoming weekend.